

Board of Nursing

Exempt Action

18VAC90-20-120. Curriculum.

A. Curriculum shall reflect the philosophy and objectives of the nursing education program and shall be consistent with the law governing the practice of nursing.

B. Nursing education programs preparing for practical nursing licensure shall include:

1. Principles and practice in nursing encompassing the attainment and maintenance of physical and mental health and the prevention of illness for individuals and groups throughout the life cycle;

2. Basic concepts of the nursing process;

3. Basic concepts of anatomy, physiology, chemistry and microbiology;

4. Basic concepts of communication, growth and development, interpersonal relations, patient education and cultural diversity;

5. Basic concepts of ethics and the vocational and legal aspects of nursing, including:

a. Regulations and sections of the Code of Virginia related to nursing;

b. Patient rights; and

c. Prevention of patient abuse, neglect and abandonment; and

6. Basic concepts of pharmacology, nutrition and diet therapy.

C. Nursing education programs preparing for registered nurse licensure shall include:

1. Theory and practice in nursing, encompassing the attainment and maintenance of physical and mental health and the prevention of illness throughout the life cycle for individuals, groups and communities;

2. Concepts of the nursing process;

3. Concepts of anatomy, physiology, chemistry, and microbiology;
 4. Sociology, psychology, communications, growth and development, interpersonal relations, group dynamics, cultural diversity and humanities;
 5. Concepts of pharmacology, nutrition and diet therapy, and pathophysiology;
 6. Concepts of ethics, and the professional and legal aspects of nursing, including:
 - a. Regulations and sections of the Code of Virginia related to nursing;
 - b. Patient rights; and
 - c. Prevention of patient abuse, neglect and abandonment.
 7. Concepts of leadership, delegation, management and patient education.
- D. On and after July 1, 2007, all nursing education programs shall provide instruction in child abuse recognition and intervention.

Certification

I certify that this regulation is full, true, and correctly dated.

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